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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 19, 2007, wherein the Examiner issued a Requirement for Restriction in the matter of the captioned application.

Election

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (Claims 1 to 34) drawn to a polymer composition for prosecution on the merits.

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Consonant with the election of the invention of Group I, the Examiner further required an election of species from the monomer categories set forth below.

- 1) An ultimate species of hydrophobic monomer;
- 2) An ultimate species of associative vinyl monomer; and
- 3) An ultimate species of semi-hydrophobic vinyl surfactant monomer.

In compliance with the Examiner's requirement applicants elect the following monomeric species:

- 1) Ethyl Acrylate as the hydrophobic monomer (hydrophobic nonionic vinyl monomer);
- 2) Ceteareth-25 Methacrylate as the associative vinyl monomer; and
- 3) Ethoxylated/Propoxylated Allyl Ether containing 5 to 250 oxyalkylene units as the semi-hydrophobic vinyl surfactant monomer.

The polymer is a random copolymer comprising repeating units polymerized from the monomer species elected above.

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